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EFFECT OF SUBSIDY ON GROWTH
Vallabbhaneni Shri Balashowry

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently expressed concerns over the subsidies coming in way of growth;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) and (b) In the recently held Full Planning Commission Meeting on 7-11-2007 concern was expressed about the problem of mounting subsidies in food, fertilizers and petroleum and its impact on growth.

(c) Government has endeavoured to target subsidies towards the poor and truly needy like small and marginal farmers, farm labour and urban poor and requisite policy measures are taken from time to time in this regard.